

# JUNE 2021 Hot Topics

## Cancer Support

Patients can find relief from the stressful financial burden of a cancer diagnosis through our assistance with gas and groceries, free screenings, and support groups.

## Orthopedic Services

Our hospital is known for its award-winning Orthopedic Services for bone and joint issues. Ranked among the **top 10%** in the nation for joint replacement surgery by HealthGrades. Nearly **500** knee surgeries and **300** hip surgeries are performed per year.

## Emergency Department

Over **85%** of patients are seen by a Board-certified physician in under **30** minutes, exceeding nationwide average wait time by 15 minutes. Over **2,000** patients are seen per month.

## Imaging Services

A new outpatient diagnostic center with state-of-the-art technology including a CT scanner, X-ray machine, ultrasound and bone density (DEXA) scanner provides readily accessible care in a comfortable setting.

## Cancer Care Services

Mission Hope Arroyo Grande provides cancer care services with a care team including oncologists, a nurse navigator, dietician, social worker and pharmacist.

## Acute Rehabilitation

The **20-bed** Acute Rehabilitation Center is the only one of its kind within a 100-mile radius.

## Stroke Certified since 2015

Received Advanced Primary Stroke Center Certification by the Joint Commission. Offers specialized services for stroke patients.

## Dignity Health's Five Core Values

Compassion • Inclusion • Integrity • Excellence • Collaboration

## Our Hospital

Opened in **1962** by four pioneering, community-focused physicians with the same spirit that guides the hospital strategy today.

## 2019 #'s

**2,672** admissions  
**23,573** ER visits  
**602** inpatient surgeries  
**808** outpatient surgeries  
**8,724** CT scans  
**1,576** MRI scans

## Mission

Dignity Health and Arroyo Grande Community Hospital are committed to furthering the healing ministry of Jesus. We dedicate our resources to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health services, serving and advocating for our sisters and brothers who are poor and disenfranchised, and partnering with others in the community to improve the quality of life.

**Beds: 67** (39 General Care, 20 Acute Rehabilitation, 8 Intensive Care)

## Overview

**Employees: 387**

**Medical Services Available:** Acute Rehabilitation; Cancer Care; Emergency Services; Surgery; Imaging; Intensive Care; Laboratory Services; Medical/Surgical Inpatient Care; Neurological Care; Orthopedic Services; Physical, Speech and Respiratory Therapy

**Service Area Cities:** Arroyo Grande, Oceano, Grover Beach, Pismo Beach, Nipomo Population: 79,811  
In 2015, the South County service area was declared a

## Medically Underserved Area/Population

by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This means that residents in the area have a shortage of health services and the area includes large groups of people who face economic, cultural, or linguistic barriers to health care. This makes AGCH an important resource for our community, and we need to grow to meet the need.

## Last month we learned:

Hospitalists are available at Arroyo Grande Community Hospital 24 hours per day, and patients and families are encouraged to call them with any follow-up questions they have after a visit.

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## AGCH Foundation

began operating in 2006 to support the mission of the hospital.

## Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation

SupportArroyoGrande.org



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## Upcoming Dates

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** June 10, 2021

**Next Board Meeting:** August 5, 2021

**Carrol Pruett Philanthropic Fraternity:** August 22, 2021

**Hoelle Tompkins Sisterhood Society:** August 29, 2021

**Golf n' Grub:** September 24, 2021

## Our Current Funding Priorities:

- Emergency Support Fund
- Mission Hope Arroyo Grande:
  - Cancer Care Fund
  - Cancer Rehabilitation Program
  - Transport to Treatment Program
- Acute Rehabilitation Center:
  - Recreational Therapy Program
- Behavioral Health Services
- Parking Solution
- Surgical Services
- Spiritual Care Services

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

*You're Invited*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RIBBON CUTTING RECEPTION  
CELEBRATING THE EXPANDED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND  
THE COMPLETION OF THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Thursday, June 10, 2021 • 11:30am

The Legacy Garden at  
Arroyo Grande Community Hospital

RSVP to [les.lungren@commonspirit.org](mailto:les.lungren@commonspirit.org)  
or (805) 994-5419



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## Spring Appeal Mailing Comparison

### 2020 Spring Appeal Mailing

Total Gifts Received:	137
First Time Donors:	40
Total Amount Raised:	\$12,501

### 2021 Spring Appeal Mailing

Gifts Received (so far):	105
First Time Donors:	25
Total Amount Raised:	\$13,823

(and counting!)



"This hospital has a lot to offer, and potential for growth. New, innovative equipment will benefit the doctors, staff and community. In my 38 years of experience, I have seen how much of a difference it can make!"  
- Herman Alvarado, OR Technician